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Honorable Samuel S. Stratton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Stratton:

Thank you for your letter of 1 April 1983 passing on to me the concerns of your constituents that United States intelligence agencies assisted Klaus Barbie, a Nazi war criminal.

As you know, it is the policy of this Agency to neither confirm nor deny allegations of CIA involvement in particular operations or relationships. However, as you may know, there are currently two Congressional Committees conducting investigations into this matter: the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Judiciary Committee. In fact, the General Accounting Office investigators, at the request of the House Judiciary Committee, are presently at the Agency reviewing all material relating to Mr. Barbie and other Nazi war criminals who may have entered the United States illegally. In addition, the Department of Justice, through their Office of Special Investigations, is conducting an investigation into the whole question of alleged United States Government involvement with, use of, or assistance to, Klaus Barbie.

I feel confident that your question--whether CIA had any involvement with Klaus Barbie--will be answered in the course of these investigations.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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